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RECORD OF DEATHS.

Well Known People Who Have Passed to the Great Beyond During the Past Week.

JONAS TRUAX BURIED LAST FRIDAY.

MRS. SOPHIA PECK.

Mrs. Sophia, wife of Moses J. Peck, died at her home in Thompson township, this county, on Tuesday of last week aged about 79 years. Her funeral was conducted on Thursday by Elder C. L. Funk, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Antioch church, on Timber Ridge. She is survived by her husband and one son Ezra L. Peck.

Mrs. Peck's maiden name was Richards, and she was in many ways a remarkable woman. Never having learned to read or write, she was possessed of a mind of excellent judgment and rare business qualifications. Starting in life without a dollar, she died leaving a farm of nearly three hundred acres and about two thousand dollars at interest, besides other personal property. She was a "natural born" money lender, and managed her own business affairs. If she was applied to for a loan, she sized her man up, and if she felt that he was honest, she told him to fill out and sign a note and she passed over to him the coin, and it is said that she lost very little money by the dishonesty of her clients. She was thoroughly honest herself and she expected others to be. It is told of her that on one occasion she walked a distance of two miles to return to a man five cents that had been overpaid to her in the settlement of a note.

In November 1905, she made a will, naming William Sigel, of Covalt, her executor. By this will she gives to Ezra (her son) \$300 and the use of the farm during his life, reserving for her husband, and for Louis (son of Ezra) a home and living on the farm during the rest of their natural lives. After Ezra's death, the farm to go to Albert and Russell (sons of Ezra and Dolly Peck). To Albert and Russell she gives \$100 each; to J. Mack Peck, \$50, and to Isaac Peck \$25 and his note. To Anna Mary Adlesperger, she gives \$50, and to Mrs. Adlesperger's sons, Neil and Walter, each \$50. The remainder to be put on interest for Ezra's use, and he to receive \$25 of the principal annually.

JONAS TRUAX.

Jonas Truax, a well-known citizen of Belfast township, died at his home on Licking Creek, last Wednesday, and was buried in the cemetery at the Dunkard church on Pleasant Ridge, Friday.

Mr. Truax, like his neighbor James L. Lake, whose death was mentioned last week, was born, reared, and spent his entire life in Belfast township. Mr. Truax was a most excellent citizen, unostentatious and honest as "the day is long." He was for many years a consistent member of the Dunkard church, and his funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Garland. He is survived by two children, W. R. Truax, of Pleasant Ridge, and Mahala, wife of John D. Mellott, Needmore.

He was aged about seventy years.

MONTGOMERY.

Mrs. Julia A. Montgomery died at the home of J. M. Campbell, near Neelyton, Huntingdon county, April 17th, after a lingering illness of Bright's Disease. She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Geo. Nonemaker, and was twice married. Her first husband was Samuel Culbertson, by which union a son and daughter survive, namely Joseph Culbertson, of Robertsdale, and Mrs. Samuel Rank, of Three Springs. This husband preceded her to the great beyond about thirty years ago. Her last husband was Geo. Montgomery, and one son survives from this marriage, namely,

CATHEDRAL OF METHODISM.

Dedication of First M. E. Church in Altoona. Building Made Possible by Native of Fulton County.

Sunday, April 21st, will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the history of Altoona Methodism. The beautiful new church on the corner of 12th Avenue and 13th street, is built of Hummelstown brownstone. The auditorium seats 1,500 persons. Directly in the corner of the room is the organ, costing \$4,000, the gift of Andrew Carnegie. In the center of this room is the dome, receiving light through delicately tinted glass from the tower that extends Heavenward to a height of 115 feet from the audience room floor. The church is of Gothic architecture and designed by Brown, Gillespie, & Co., of New York. The largest art window is on the 13th street side, and is a reproduction of Planckhurst's "Christ Blessing Little Children;" and, also, a study of the Good Shepherd. This window is the gift of William Lee Woodcock, Esq., in memory of his father, John Woodcock, who resided in Wells Valley for about seventy years.

The 12th Avenue window is "Christ in the Garden" by Hoffman, and is given by Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Evans of Baltimore, in memory of Dr. J. S. McMurry.

The dedicatory services were marked by the presence and services of Bishop Andrews of New York, and Bishop Moore of Portland, Oregon, the former preaching the morning sermon and the latter the evening sermon—both of which were masterful discourses.

The edifice is graceful and ornate in exterior and rich and beautiful in its interior. Bishop Moore rightly christened it the cathedral of Methodism in central Pennsylvania.

The greater part of the money had been raised before the dedication, but \$25,000 remained to be pledged before the church could be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. The amount was raised without trouble and two thousand dollars in excess—making \$27,000 raised during the day.

Dr. H. J. Cornman on behalf of the building committee, presented the keys to the trustees and in doing so made mention of the fact that the liberal giving of one man had made the building of the magnificent edifice possible and that the same gentleman had also given much legal advice and written all the contracts in addition to his money contributions. [This man was W. Lee Woodcock, a native of Wells Valley.] Rev. B. C. Conner, the presiding Elder, and Rev. Horace H. Jacobs, the pastor, also rendered valuable services.

Harry Montgomery. Besides these three children, she leaves to mourn her loss, her aged parents; three brothers, John and George Nonemaker, of Cherry Grove, Moses of Tyrone, and six sisters, Mrs. Jacob Wible, of Mt. Carmel; Mrs. Abe Hershey, Robertsdale; Mrs. Geo. Hampton, near Neelyton; Mrs. Annie Edwards, Harrisburg; Mrs. Elizabeth Clapper and Mrs. Jennie Price, both of Altoona.

Many years ago she united with the Methodist church, and when she realized that her departure was near, she gave the blessed assurance that it was well with her. She laid all the plans for her burial, and selected the text for her funeral sermon, "The Master is come and calleth for thee"—John 11:28. After brief services at the home of J. M. Campbell, the remains were taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Runk, near Three Springs, and funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church at Cherry Grove.

She was aged 51 years, 10 months, and 20 days. Interment in Cherry Grove cemetery.

Free Scholarships.

The Philadelphia School for Nurses has purchased large properties at 2219-25 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and will extend the benefits of the Free Course in Nursing to young women of every rural community and of the smaller towns and cities throughout the entire country.

The Course is two years, but may be shortened to eighteen months by six months' reading and study at home.

The School provides room, board, nurse uniform, gives full instructions, and pays the student's fare home at the end of the year.

A special short course is provided for those who cannot spend two years in the study, but who wish to quickly prepare themselves for self support.

The object of those who are providing the funds for this work is to ultimately extend the benefits of skilled nursing to every village and township in the land.

Nearly 200 Free Scholarships will be available this year.

In accordance with the above provision three free scholarships in the two years' Course have been assigned to Fulton county.

A class was formed to begin last Monday, but it is not too late to get in yet, if you act promptly.

Applicants must be over eighteen years of age, and adapted to the profession of nursing. The young women readers of this paper who desire to avail themselves of this opening, should communicate with the School at once by letter. Address

PHILA. SCHOOL FOR NURSES, 2219-25 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW GRENADA.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Detwiler and daughter Anna Lee, visited friends here last Sunday.

Blaine Horton of Trough Creek stopped a night with friends here.

William Stans from near Three Springs has moved to the Ed Alloway farm in Wells Valley.

Mrs. Jesse Painter and son Clyde are visiting friends in and around New Grenada.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Houck spent Sunday at Robertsdale with their son Oscar and family. Lizzie Watkins who has been at Saltillo for some time, arrived home last Sunday.

Prof. D. C. Stunkard of Bedford, visited his many friends in this community during the past week.

J. A. McDonough D. D. G. M., is out in the county on an installation tour of I. O. O. F. Lodges.

Mrs. Harriet Barnett and Mrs. Debbie Cutchall, of Taylor township, made a business trip to our town last Thursday.

Martha Black, Maude Cunningham and Ritner Black of our town, are pupils at Rockhill school.

N. G. Cunningham was recently appointed postmaster, vice Alice McClain, resigned. He will move the office into his storeroom in the near future.

Alice McClain's sale on Saturday passed off quietly. The real estate was not sold on account of no buyer. She will in a few days locate in the Smoky City—Pittsburg. Sorry to see her leave. She was a very obliging and excellent postmistress. Our best wishes go with her.

Mrs. Stains and daughter Catherine are both seriously ill and confined to their beds.

Ada Gracey of Gracey, spent Sunday at Richard Alloway's.

The Box Social held in Mills' Hall on Saturday evening was well attended, and quite a nice sum received for the use of Zion M. E. church.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Annie E. Dehart wishes in this manner to express her sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors, for their help and sympathy during the illness and death of her late husband, Levi Dehart.

High School Entertainment.

A Very Enjoyable Play by the Class Who Acquired Themselves Creditably.

ONLY TWO IN GRADUATING CLASS.

Owing to the fact that the graduating class of this year in our High School numbers but two, the principal, Prof. Emory Thomas, and the members of the class, Misses Mary J. Johnston and Ethel Logue, decided that instead of the regular Commencement exercises a play should be given which would include members of the other classes. Accordingly, the play entitled "The School Ma'am" was selected and given the most careful preparation as was shown by the delightful manner in which it was delivered in the Court House, Friday evening, April 26th, before an audience which taxed the seating capacity of the room.

A feature adding to the pleasure of the audience was the presence of the McConnellsburg Band, whose music between the acts was thoroughly appreciated.

The scene of the play was a country school district, and its purpose was to portray in a ludicrous manner, the difficulties of a country school teacher, and some of the perplexing situations in which she sometimes finds herself.

The principal characters were Mary J. Johnston, the young school teacher; Erskine Houston, the director who was a "friend of education" and who invariably agreed with the "Board;" Russel Runyan, the director was a "self-made man;" Edgar Alexander, the director who found himself a true friend of the teacher's; Anna Reiser, wife of the self-made director, and with whom the teacher first boarded; Harriett Sloan, daughter of a director, and who becomes jealous of the young teacher; Robert Alexander, a pupil who falls in love with the teacher; Joan Morton, a pupil and true friend of the teacher; Hollis Maun, the valuable janitor; Amos Stouteagle, the "bad boy" of the school; and Ethel Logue, a troublesome patron.

Great credit is due the pupils of the High School for their excellent manner in which all performed their particular parts and for the pleasure afforded the public by their efforts; and the patrons feel grateful to the untiring effort of their teacher and those concerned in training the young people for the occasion.

EXCELSIOR.

Thomas Beatty has moved into his house recently built near Excelsior school house.

Mrs. Harriet Lashley of Cumberland, Md., has been visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Jacob Hixson who has been on the sick list is able to be out again.

Miss Georgia Mann was the guest of Miss Irene Hoopengardner Saturday night.

Miss Ethel Hiles spent a few days in Hancock last week.

Quite a number of people of this neighborhood attended Mrs. Norris' sale last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hixson and two children spent Saturday night very pleasantly with their son Charles near this place.

Miss Cora Beatty is suffering with a very sore finger.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoopengardner and daughter Elizabeth, of Belle Grove, visited the former's parents Sunday.

Rev. Hendershot will hold services at the Christian church Sunday May 26th at 10:30 and also at night at 7:30.

John E. Hoopengardner purchased a fine cow from Lewis Bishop.

Mrs. Maggie Ritz of Siding Hill visited the family of Nathan Wigfield last week.

Mrs. Valentine T. Houpt and sons Francis, Carl and Jesse, are spending a week among their Franklin county friends.

CHANGED PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

Mrs. Anna Carl Leaves Warfordsburg, to Make Her Home With Her Daughter at Germantown, Md.

Mrs. Anna Carl, widow of the late Dr. William Carl, has changed her residence from Warfordsburg, this county, to Germantown, Md., where she will make her home with her only child, Mrs. T. Davis Nicards.

Mrs. Carl has lived continuously in Warfordsburg for over fifty years, having moved to that village when she and her husband first began housekeeping on the first of April, 1854. She was born and lived until she was married, at the age of 22, on the farm of her father, Moses Gregory, but two miles from Warfordsburg. Her attachment was so strong for that community, that nothing but the stern necessities incident to her age induced her to leave her old home and give up "housekeeping" which was always the chief delight of her life.

A Schurz Story of Lincoln.

In the May McClure's installment of "Reminiscences of a Long Life" by Carl Schurz, appears an important historical chapter of the Union Army and its leaders in 1862. This portion of the statesman author's writing takes up his activity subsequent to his resignation as Minister to Spain and tells of his appointment as Brigadier General and his service in the field. He tells us how the great leader McClellan, Tremont, Sigel, Burnside and Hooker impressed him, and gives first hand description of their difficulties and the great army problems.

As usual there is much new light on Lincoln and a great deal of this is of prime importance as it shows clearly the considerations that lead up to such momentous steps as the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Schurz also narrates several droll anecdotes of great men, one of which, a Lincoln story, we quote:

One of the many foreigners who sought my intercession was a young German count whose identity was vouched for by a member of the Prussian Legation. He had a long row of ancestors whom he traced back for several hundred years. He was greatly impressed with the importance of this fact and thought it would weigh heavily in securing him a position in our army. If he could only have an "audience" with the President and lay his case before him, he believed the result could not be doubtful. He pursued me so ardently with the request for a personal introduction to Mr. Lincoln, that at last I succumbed and promised to introduce him to the President permitted. The President did permit. The Count spoke English moderately well, and in his ingenuous way he at once explained to Mr. Lincoln how high the nobility of his family was, and that they had been counts so and so many centuries. "Well," said Mr. Lincoln, interrupting him, "that need not trouble you. That will not be in your way, if you behave yourself as a soldier."

The poor Count looked puzzled, and when the audience was over, he asked me what in the world the President could have meant by so strange a remark.

Ohio has suddenly taken its place in the center of the political stage, by reason of the great fight between Senator Foraker and the supporters of William H. Taft, Secretary of War. These are great men, but Foraker has been defending corporations and railroads so long, he is not alive to the interests of "the people," as he is to the great corporations from which he has grown rich. Secretary Taft believes in making the corporations "obey the law" and treat all alike. The people of Ohio will see to it that the Great Secretary triumphs over his honest, but undesirable presidential aspirant.

The Lucky Boys.

In his advertisement in the News last week, Ludwig, the Chambersburg jeweler, offered free a Jap watch to each of two boys who first answered the advertisement. If Mr. Ludwig thinks boys do not read the advertisements, he was fooled, for the next morning after the News came out he had a pile of letters on his desk that astonished him. The first two that he opened were from Fred Fisher and George Morton, and he promptly forwarded to each of the lucky boys a genuine Jap watch which the boys exhibit with pardonable pride, and now they are not a minute late at school.

The public school building was knocked down at public auction last Saturday, to Michael Black, for \$210, who in turn sold it to Daniel Knauff for \$225. The building is to be removed as soon as the school closes, and work on the erection of a new building will then be, at once, begun. The present building was erected in 1881 to take the place of the two-story brick that stood just west of the Court House, on the lot that is now the public park.

A number of the friends and neighbors of Samuel Oyler spent last Saturday very pleasantly at Mr. Oyler's home, it being the occasion of a birthday anniversary. Among those present were John Shaffer, wife and grandson; Daniel Elyev, wife and son Walter; John Lake and family; Geo. Brant, wife and daughter; Daniel Fix and family; Mrs. Catharine Cowan, Mrs. J. T. Connelly, Miss Fannie Miller, Rev. W. M. Hann and wife, Charlie Oyler and Brice Hann. Mr. Oyler received a nice lot of birthday gifts.

Free samples of "Preventics" and a booklet on Colds will be gladly mailed you, on request, by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., simply to prove merit. Preventics are little Candy Cold Cure tablets. No Quinine, no Laxative, nothing harmful whatever. Preventics prevent colds—as the name implies—when taken early, or at the "Sneeze Stage." For a seat of cold or la grippe, break it up safely and quickly with Preventics. Sold by Dickson's drug store.

Last Sunday was a day gladdening to the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Mellott in Belfast township, when by prearrangement or otherwise, seven of their nine children and eighteen of their thirty one grandchildren were present to surround with the parents the family dining table. It is needless to say that a sumptuous dinner was served, and the event was greatly enjoyed by all present. The children present were George, Alexander, Isaac, Rebecca, Etie, Alice and Hattie. Joseph Funk and daughter of the Little Cove, and Miss May Friend, of Oakland, Md., were among the others that were present.

Albert Shimer, a native of this place, who went to the Pacific Coast a few years ago, has been up against a lot of hard luck during the past few months. Last November he went to a hospital in Spokane, Wash., to be treated for typhoid fever. He had an unusually severe attack, and after getting out, found that the fever had left one of his feet in a bad condition, with the chances that amputation would be the only thing to do to save his life. Without giving him a chance to decide upon the best way out of this difficulty, smallpox got hold of him and at last account, he was wrestling manfully to get the better of that dread disease. His many friends here hope for his safe and speedy recovery, and that he may strike a streak of good luck that may more than compensate for all he has had to endure during the past winter.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Elijah Knable's new house is nearing completion.

John Booth and wife, of Maddeusville, spent a few days last week with friends in this place.

Mrs. Geo. W. Reisser is visiting her mother and sisters at Yeaton, Pa.

Mrs. Merrill W. Nace and baby Mary Logan, are visiting in the family of D. B. Nace, Chambersburg.

James O'Rourke and William Sigel, two of Thompson's Number 1 citizens, were in town last Saturday attending to business.

Mr. Jay Sloan, of Cherokee, Kansas, is visiting in the home of his parents, Thos. F. Sloan and wife, of this place.

Miss Helen Fore, who has been in Pittsburg for some time, is back among her McConnellsburg friends again.

We are pleased to see Undertaker Bruce Stoner on our streets again after a spell of typhoid fever.

Miss Maggie Rummel who has been on a visit to friends in Licking Creek township has returned home.

Alonza Kuhn, husband of Martha Brosius, formerly of this place died at his home in Hancock, last week, aged 53 years.

The Stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seiders, at Cito, on Tuesday of last week, and left a fine big boy.

A new boarder came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Polk Sipes, of Licking Creek township, on Monday. It is a nice big, fat boy.

The first death in over ten years occurred at the Scotland school on Thursday morning last. James Rogers, of Winber died of Typhoid fever.

Men who desire to be County Committeemen must file petitions signed by ten voters of their party with the County Commissioners before May 12th.

Miss Emma Mellott, of Webster Mills, and Miss Lillian Pott, of Big Cove Tannery, were pleasant callers at the News office last Saturday.

Judge Bender returned on Saturday, from York, Pa., where he had been called by the serious illness of his daughter, Miss Mary, who, we are pleased to say is improving in health.

Miss Annie Irwin who has been spending the past eighteen months with her sister Ella in Kansas, and other friends in the West, returned to McConnellsburg last Saturday.

On Tuesday evening, May 7, at 8:15 o'clock the graduating exercises of the Mercersburg high school will be held in the town hall. The address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. James G. Rose, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Claude J. Hess, son of the late B. Frank Hess, of Thompson township, spent the time from Saturday until Monday morning in the home of his mother, Mrs. Jacob Clouser, near town. Claude has the Stech Mill rented in Path Valley, and is doing a nice business.

Boyd Elyev spent the time from Thursday until Saturday visiting his uncle John Elyev in Altoona. Boyd says the Fulton county residents of the Mountain City are all well and prosperous.

Prof. B. Newton Palmer, principal of the Salix Academy, at Salix, Cambria county, was in town a day last week. He returned to Salix the last of the week to be ready for the opening of his school which took place Monday. Now occupies a high rank among the educators of Cambria county.